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AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of agricultural labourers in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh and Uttranchal indicating the percentage of their population out of the total population in their respective State, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government for their welfare at Central and State level; and

(c) the extent of achievement made during the last two years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a): As per 2001 Census, the number of agricultural labourers in the country is 107,628,287 (Provisional) which is 10.5% of the total population. The number of agricultural labourers in Andhra Pradesh is 13,818,754 (18.16%) and in Uttranchal 258,752(3.05%).

(b) & (c): The Government have launched Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojana-2001 through the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) in identified 50 districts to cover 10 lakh agricultural workers during the first phase of three years. According to the reports received from LIC, the number of agricultural workers covered as on 31.10.2002 in Andhra Pradesh and Uttranchal is 16371 and 398 respectively. The Janshree Bima Yojana is in operation since 2000 to provide life insurance protection to the persons including agricultural labourers who arre below and marginally above poverty line. Further, the agricultural labourers can avail of benefits under various poverty alleviation/employment oriented schemes being implemented by the Central and State Governments. Some of such schemes being implemented by the Central Government are Swaranjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana, National Social Assistance Programme, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana, Sampoorna Grameen Rojgar Yojana, etc.